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Geographical name selection criteria for use by the competent authorities

Paper submitted by Canada**

Summary

The United Nations resolutions on the standardization of geographical names have been developed with the specialist in mind and written using administrative terminology. The Commission de toponymie du Québec suggests that for local authorities and the general public, a simpler table of name selection criteria would be useful. United Nations support for such an approach could assist names authorities in their standardization programmes.

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